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[Despatch Abstract.]

ORDER - Maternity and Child Welfare - Grants-in-aid to local bodies and private institutions - Recommendations of the Retrenchment and Re-organisation Committee - Orders passed.

R. 17020-1M/48.

Office of the Director of Public Health, Madras, dated 18th March 1948.

From

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To

The Secretary to Government, Education & Public Health Department, Fort St. George, MADRAS.

Sir,

Ref: Government ~~Memorandum~~ U.O. Note No. 13712.C.3/48-1 . Public health dated 4th March 1948.

Sub: U.O. Note No. 2736/48-Re-26 dated 23-2-48 from the Finance (Reorganization) Department.

I agree that Maternity and Child Welfare Centres ought to be more widely distributed and that the Director of Public Healths office should exercise better supervision to see that these Maternity add Child Welfare Centres are working properly. For this purpose it is not at all necessary to have one more Assistant Directress of Public Health (Maternity and Child Welfare). The Maternity and Child Welfare Centres are working under the guidance of Woman Medical Officers and under the over all supervision of Health Officers and they can be easily controlled and directed by one Assistant Directress of Public Health (Maternity and Child Welfare) attached to the Director of Public Health's Office. The main difficulty was and is to get the proper type of Woman Medical Officers to take up Maternity and Child Welfare work. Now that a higher scale of pay has been sanctioned to woman Medical Officers I expect that suitable woman Medical Officers with higher qualifications will be attracted to the service in grade 1. Early orders may be passed on the fixing up of the number of grade 1 posts as already recommended by me.

As regards the question of contribution to local bodies, I may state that from 1941-42, local bodies are being paid a grant of ¼ of their total expenditure on Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes. It is raised to 50% for the year 1946-47, but only half a dozen local bodies are eligible for this grant according to the recommendations of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts. In the present financial instability of local bodies it may not be safe to stop this aid. Hence I am of opinion that the present policy of giving grants may continue for some more time and the whole position, may be reviewed after a period of 3 years.

(Sd) .....
20-3-1948.
Director of Public Health, Madras.

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EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH (F1)

G.O. Ms. No. 2275 Dated 6th July 1948.

Read the followi _

From the Finance (Re-organization) Department, U.O. Note No. 2736/48-Reg.26; dated 23-2-1948.
From the Director of Public Health, R.No. 17020-1-M/48, dated 18-3-1948.

O R D E R:

The Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee in its meeting held on 19-2-1948 made the following recommendations in respect of the distribution and supervision of maternity and child welfare centres and of the grants-in-aid paid to local bodies and private institutions towards the maintenance of such centres:-

(i) Maternity and Child Welfare centres ought to be more widely distributed and it is desirable to have one more Assistant Directors of Public Health for supervising them;

(ii) Attention to maternity and Child Welfare work may be imposed on local bodies as one of their duties and Government aid to them need not be large;

and (iii) Any aid to private institutions should be given by Local bodies and not by Government. The Government may however, give a portion of such aid as contribution.

2. The Government have considered the above recommendations of the committee and have decided.

(i) that even with a wider distribution of maternity and child welfare centres, there is no need for an additional Assistant Directress of Public Health for supervision, and (ii) that the existing system of grants-in-aid to local bodies and private institutions towards the maintenance of these centres may be continued.

(Sd) .....
24.6.48.

To
The Director of Public Health
The Finance (Re-organization)
The Finance (Expenditure-A) Department.
The Local Administration Department.

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